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| For: Porous Inorganic Macrostructure | § | ORIGIN ON  |
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**RESPONSE** 

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In response to the Official Action of January 24, 2002, Applicants submit the following:

## **REMARKS**

With regard to the requirement for election and restriction, which is the only point raised in the Official Action, the Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the Group I claims, namely, claims 1-20, for examination.

However, it is believed that the Group II and Group III claims, claims 21-32, are so closely related to the Group I claims that they should remain in the same application in order to preserve unity of invention.

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